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.08 Standard for Drunk Driving Starts Tuesday

New Bodily Alcohol Content going into Effect September 30, 2003

LANSING – Legislation to reduce alcohol-related traffic deaths in Michigan by dropping the “operating while intoxicated” limit from 0.10 to 0.08 bodily alcohol content (BAC) goes into effect Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003. Sen. Alan Cropsey reminds.

“This is a good step in the right direction to save Michigan lives,” Cropsey, R-DeWitt, said. “Placing this restriction on drunk driving is estimated to save 500 lives and reduce alcohol-related traffic deaths.”

According to the M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) website, statistics have shown a 6 to 8 percent reduction in alcohol-related traffic deaths in states following the passage of the 0.08 BAC.